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Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 5:25 PM
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Subject: FOIA # EPA-R5-2019-005822 on hold, please reply by 7/3

Dear Mr. Dupuis:

This is regarding your FOIA request for the following:

- Any and all EPA (headquarters and/or Region V) communications in any form (e.g., email, notes, facsimile, mail), to, from or between MPCA, PolyMet or any other third party, including any state or federal agency, and any papers, notes, documents and/or written comments together with any attachments in the EPA's possession (headquarters and Region V) that relate to MPCA's draft and/or pre-proposed NPDES permit or any version thereof provided to EPA prior to December 20, 2018.
- Any and all EPA communications (headquarters and/or Region V) to, from or between MPCA, PolyMet or any other third party, including any state or federal agency, as well as any and any papers, notes, documents and/or written comments together with any attachments in the EPA's possession that relate to the MPCA's proposed NPDES permit transmitted to the EPA (headquarters and/or Region V) by MPCA on December 4, 2018 or any version provided to EPA thereafter.

Your request for a fee waiver is still under review. As a FOIA requester in the "Other" category, you are entitled to 2 free search hours and would not pay review fees. Nevertheless, we estimate that your charges for this FOIA request will be \$6,734.00

Your request has been placed on hold. Please reply by Wednesday, July 3, 2019 and let us know whether you agree to a fee limit of \$6,734.00, prefer to wait for a decision to be made on your fee waiver request, or would like to narrow the scope of your request. If we don't hear from you by 7/3/2019, we will assume you wish to cancel this request.

Sincerely,

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